

## **Disaster Risk Reduction In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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Disaster risk reduction is a major problem. Disaster happen all over the world, and nobody can avoid them. They happen to the rich and the poor, the educated and the illiterate, but especially the poor and the illiterate.

In the ECOFIN 2 room there were 41 delegates working in one room on the same topic disaster risk reduction, and all coming up with a combined resolution. The draft of some of the resolutions are listed below.

1. "Build stronger infrastructures and rein force structures;"
2. "Further recommends that countries improve their education by having drills and practice on disasters risk reduction and how to act during or after a disaster;"
3. "Calls for countries to work together to prevent natural disasters by coming specific skill sets to act in accordance to natural disasters;"
4. "Emphasize that need to protect the environment to avoid man-made disasters;"
5. "Approves the eradication of need technical resources that predicts natural disasters""
6. "Further recommends that all UN members states create an assemble emergency hot line, including damage and injuries from natural disasters;"
7. "Requires the high-income countries support countries that have trouble economically, by providing, funds, guidelines, and assistance;"
8. "Further requests that the Un helps the countries to create shelters in relocate in during or before a natural disaster hits, including basic necessities and supplies;"
9. "Supports the idea of spreading information through media and digital devices concerning natural disasters as a warning;"
10. "Encourages countries to create back-up power sources; and strode;"
11. "Strongly affirms the implantation of stricter systems and guideline concerning preparation and response for natural disasters;"

The Kingdom of Denmark strongly thought that "Calls for countries to work together to prevent natural disasters by coming specific skill sets to act in accordance to natural disasters;" was the best resolution because he thought that all of the countries were working together and that makes a better result.

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United Mexican States thought that a good resolution would have been "getting basic needs, recovers, responses, preparation, education, for the public evacuation centers". Then the Russian Federation ask "how will you pay for all of this?" The United Mexican States responded "by fundraisers and the government." Then Canada prospers the idea of "enhanced disasters, indication, and to know how to protect themselves with education," the Republic of Lithuania agreed with Canadas idea, and the Republic of Korea agrees. That resolution wasn't on the final draft.

A group of delegates thought that “not enough is to being done to reduce the risk of the disaster is what it was before.” That idea was quick shot down.

Those were just a few ideas to have disaster risk reduction reduced all around the world.